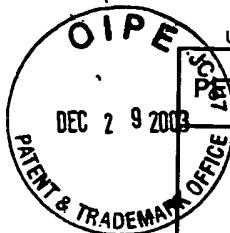


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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-1952	

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

I am the applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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Signature

December 29, 2003

Date

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Total of 1 forms are submitted.

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